

House Resolution 412

By: Representatives Henson of the 87th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Drenner of the 86th, Thomas of the 55th, Sinkfield of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Human Resources to forthwith raise the eligibility for food
2 distribution to 150 percent of the federal poverty level for purposes of The Emergency Food
3 Assistance Program (TEFAP); and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Georgia currently employs a cutoff of 120 percent of the federal poverty level
5 for food distribution under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP); and

6 WHEREAS, regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture allow for states to set a
7 threshold of up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level for TEFAP food distribution; and

8 WHEREAS, if this threshold in Georgia were raised to 150 percent, it would increase
9 eligibility for food distribution under TEFAP and allow more participation by Georgians in
10 need.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 the members of this body urge the Department of Human Resources to forthwith raise the
13 eligibility for food distribution to 150 percent of the federal poverty level for purposes of The
14 Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commissioner of human
17 resources.